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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 708

Introduced by Assembly Member Huff

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An act to add Part 10 (commencing with Section 125800) to Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to abstinence education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 708, as amended, Huff. Reproductive health: abstinence education.

Existing federal law provides for grants to states to enable the states to provide abstinence education.

This bill would require the State Department of Public Health to develop and implement a program of abstinence education in a manner that would maximize federal financial participation, and would specify the purpose of the program and the subjects to be included in the abstinence education program. The bill would also permit the department to receive *cash or* in-kind donations in connection to this program, as defined.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Part 10 (commencing with Section 125800) is added to Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code, to read:

PART 10. ABSTINENCE EDUCATION

125800. For purposes of this part, “abstinence education programs” means an education or motivational program that does all of the following:

(a) Its exclusive purpose is to teach the social, psychological, and health gains to be realized by abstaining from sexual activity.

(b) It teaches all of the following:

(1) Abstinence from sexual activity outside marriage as the expected standard for all schoolage children.

(2) Abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain way to avoid out of wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other associated health problems.

(3) A mutually faithful monogamous ~~relationships~~ *relationship* in the context of marriage is the expected standard of human sexual activity.

(4) Bearing children out of wedlock is likely to have harmful consequences for the child, the child’s parents, and society.

(5) Show young people how to reject sexual advances and how alcohol and drug use increases vulnerability to sexual advances.

(6) The importance of attaining self-sufficiency before engaging in sexual activity.

125805. (a) The State Department of Public Health shall develop and implement a program of abstinence education.

(b) The department shall implement the abstinence education program in a manner to maximize federal financial participation under Section 710 of Title 42 of the United States Code, and any other applicable federal law and regulations.

(c) The department shall adopt regulations for the implementation of this part.

(d) The department may receive *cash or* in-kind contributions in the form of nonmonetary goods or services provided by a donor

- 1 organization for the exclusive purpose of supporting abstinence
- 2 education programs pursuant to this part.

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